

[25th July, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

was held on 21.9.99 at New Delhi on the erosion problem by Ganga in Malda and Murshidabad in West Bengal. As jointly decided during the meeting, the Central Government would be required to undertake seven schemes under short term measures at an estimated cost of Rs. 130 crore through Farakka Barrage Project Authority. The Farakka Barrage Project Authority has already undertaken anti-erosion works of river Ganga in critical reaches through bank protection.

Recovery of Outstanding Amount of Taxes

†*31. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantum of outstanding amount to be recovered in the form of various taxes by the end of March, 2000 has become 58,000 crore rupees;

(b) if not, what is the quantum of outstanding amount; and

(c) the details of the taxes for which the outstanding amount is to be recovered and the quantum of outstanding amount thereof separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) Sir, the total current and arrears demand of Corporation Tax, Income Tax, Customs Duty and Central Excise Duty as on 31st March, 2000 is Rs. 62,392 crore, as per the details given below:

(Rs. in crore)

I .Corporation & Income Tax

(i)	Amount not fallen due on account of grace period	:	13350
(ii)	Amount claimed as paid but pending verification	:	1806
(iii)	Amount stayed by various competent authorities/kept in abeyance	:	27802
(iv)	Outstanding demand recoverable	:	10179
TOTAL			53137

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

II. Customs Duty

(i) Amount stayed by various competent authorities/kept in abeyance	:	316
(ii) Outstanding demand recoverable	:	718
Total		1034

III. Central Excise Duty

(i) Amounts stayed by various competent authorities/kept in abeyance	:	6810
(ii) Outstanding demand recoverable	:	1411
Total		8221
Grand Total		62392

Assistance to Tripura for Flood Control Work

*32. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Government of Tripura for the assistance for Flood Control Work on Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, whether Government appreciate the need to take up this work on urgent basis because of the erosion taking place on the Indian side;
- (c).whether Government would provide assistance to the Government of Tripura for these works; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCE (SHRI ARJUN SETHI): (a) to (d) Government of Tripura has submitted a proposal during August, 1999 consisting a list of anti erosion schemes near Indo-Bangladesh border in the form of a concept paper amounting to Rs. 20 crore seeking Central Assistance. After examination of the proposal, Centre has advised the State Government to supplement the proposal with detailed project report duly approved by State Technical Advisory Committee/State Flood Control Board.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Flood Control Scheme in Brahmaputra and Barak Basin in North Eastern States" has been formulated to assist the States including Tripura in taking up flood control and anti erosion schemes in the IX Plan. The scheme has been cleared by the Expenditure Finance Committee in its recent meeting on 12.07.2000.